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DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Massage and Bodywork
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B , second floor Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	March 12, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lora Bryner, Professional Member, President
Cindy Horsman, Professional Member, Vice President
Gordon Gelley, Public Member, Secretary
Sharon Harris, Public Member
Diane Langston, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL/COURT REPORTER

Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General
Nancy Fields, Administrative Specialist

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Bryner called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes from the January 21, 2010 meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Harris, seconded by Ms. Horsman, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sunset Review

Ms. Bryner and Ms. Horsman attended the Joint Sunset Review Committee meeting that took place on February 13, 2010 at Legislative Hall. They discussed with the other members the topics of discussion. The primary concern of everyone is how to be able to protect the public better. The primary focus is reducing the current two-tiered system to one tier, and how to accomplish it in the most effective way without displacing practitioners. This will require a course of action on whether to grandfather in the Certified Massage Technicians (CMT) or allow them sufficient time to become Licensed Massage Therapists. Many already have the required hours of education. If grandfathering, there would be no more CMTs licenses will be issued after a certain date; however,

the Board and Division would still have to regulate and do everything it does now and it wouldn't resolve the current public safety issues. An idea brought up by the Legislators was to have CMT's have each client sign a disclosure. The disclosure would figuratively state the client's medical history and that they attest that they know the practitioner is a CMT and can do relaxation massages only and it would have to advise them that if they were referred by a doctor for a medical condition, a CMT should not give them a massage and refer them to a Therapist, but this would be hard to enforce and audit.

The Board discussed accepting the Federation of State Massage Therapy Board's MBLEx exam in addition to the NCBTMB exams that are already accepted and giving licensees and applicants the option of which exam they want to take. The Board discussed other topics such as portfolio reviews, national certification, and continuing education requirements.

After discussion, the Board unanimously decided to allow Certified Massage Technicians two years from the signing of the bill to get licensed as a Massage Therapist through the options that are set by the Legislators and Board.

To assist with the decision making process, the Board office will compile the educational data of the 657 active CMTs to see how many hours they have.

Ms. Bryner will call the schools, NCBTMB, FSMTB to gather exam and enrollment information.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Certified Massage Technician Applications

A motion was made by Mr. Gelley, seconded by Ms. Harris, to ratify the following Certified Massage Technician applications issued by the Division of Professional Regulation for:

Ashley Stafford
Matthew Province
Susan Spencer
Gregory McAllister
Zaneena Q. Cowan
Harvey L. Philhower, Jr.
Angela C. Giroud
Katie C. Callis
Gregory E. Toler
Craig S. Maull
Meghan M. Brookler
Jamie Rae N. Rodocker
Jiying Lou Grossmann

The motion unanimously carried.

Ratification of License Massage Therapists Applications

A motion was made by Ms. Horsman, seconded by Ms. Harris, to ratify the following Licensed Massage Therapist applications for:

Carol Apostolico

The motion unanimously carried.

Application Reviews

There were no applications to review.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OTHER BUSINESS

The Decision and Order for Emma Skillman was signed by the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2010 at 11:30 p.m. There will not be a workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Horsman, seconded by Mr. Gelley, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Fields
Administrative Specialist II for
Board of Massage and Bodywork